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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

November, 1941

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December 6, 1941.

MEMORANDUM for the Director:

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park for the month of November, 1941.

Weather Conditions. On the whole, the weather during November was quite favorable, although there were storms at the early part of the month and sub-zero temperatures for two or three days beginning on the twenty-first. A temperature of 25 degrees below zero was recorded at West Yellowstone on November 22, the temperature on the same date at Mammoth being 10 degrees below zero. Identical with last year, the east and south gates were closed to travel due to storms on November 4. The Dunraven and Continental Divide roads were barricaded on the same date. Travel was permitted between Gardiner and West Yellowstone and Old Faithful until the eighteenth, when it was closed for general travel for the remainder of the winter, due to a storm which started on the seventeenth. The roads from Gardiner to Mammoth, Tower Junction and the northeast entrance and Cooke were kept open throughout the month and will be open throughout the winter to permit travel for Cooke residents and afford an opportunity for winter visitors to see the wildlife along this north section of highway.

The following weather data were recorded at Mammoth: maximum temperature, 52 degrees on the eighth; minimum temperature, 10 degrees on the twenty-second; total precipitation, 1.26 inches; days clear, 11; days cloudy, 13; days partly cloudy, 6.

The following snow depths were recorded at the close of the month:

Bechler River.....	5.0"	Mammoth.....	1.0"
Buffalo Lake.....	10.0"	Northeast Ent...	3.0"
Buffalo Ranch.....	4.0"	Old Faithful....	6.0"
Cascade Creek.....	12.0"	Sportsmens Lake.	12.0"
Gallatin.....	3.0"	Tower Falls.....	4.5"
Crevice.....	10.0"	Snake River.....	6.0"
Lake.....	10.0"	West Yellowstone	7.0".
Madison Junction.....	6.0"		

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January 6, 1941.

Memorandum for the Superintendent:

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park for the month of December, 1940:

Weather Conditions. During the month, the weather was quite favorable, although there were times at the end of the month and at-there-was-periods for the roadway to be kept open. A temperature of 30 degrees below zero was the most in Gardiner on December 26, the temperature was zero at Mammoth during 10 degrees below zero. During the past month and month prior there have been no serious accidents. The firemen and maintenance crews were maintained on the same basis. Firewood was purchased between Gardiner and Mammoth and the Mammoth crew the equipment, when it was necessary, for the removal of the remainder of the wood. The Gardiner crew cut the remainder. The road from Gardiner to Cooke, Tower junction and the northeast entrance and roads were kept open throughout. The roads will be open throughout the winter to provide travel and afford an opportunity for visitors to see the Yellowstone this month because of blizzards.

The following visitors were seen registered at Mammoth: January 1st - 67; January 2nd - 34; January 3rd - 17; January 4th - 17; January 5th - 17; January 6th - 17; January 7th - 17; January 8th - 17; January 9th - 17; January 10th - 17; January 11th - 17; January 12th - 17; January 13th - 17; January 14th - 17; January 15th - 17; January 16th - 17; January 17th - 17; January 18th - 17; January 19th - 17; January 20th - 17; January 21st - 17; January 22nd - 17; January 23rd - 17; January 24th - 17; January 25th - 17; January 26th - 17; January 27th - 17; January 28th - 17; January 29th - 17; January 30th - 17; January 31st - 17.

The following game depredations were reported to the office of the Park:

Beaver damage ..... [illegible]
Buffalo damage ..... [illegible]
Buffalo damage ..... [illegible]
Grizzly damage ..... [illegible]
Wolf damage ..... [illegible]
Coyote damage ..... [illegible]
Lion damage ..... [illegible]
Bobcat damage ..... [illegible]

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers returned to the park on November 1 from Sheridan, Wyoming, where he had been in attendance at the Dude Ranchers Association Convention. On November 6, in company with Regional Landscape Architect Baker and Resident Landscape Architect Hill, he conferred with Mr. Fred Willson, the architect for the Yellowstone Park Company. On November 11, he left by way of West Yellowstone for Denver for conferences on priority matters and to contact various governmental and state officials on park matters. He returned on the seventeenth. On November 26 he left by train for Chicago for a meeting of railroad executives and Yellowstone Park Company officials in connection with the Yellowstone rail travel for next season. He was due to return on December 1.

Thursday, November 20, was officially observed as Thanksgiving Day, as proclaimed by the President of the United States, although the State of Montana celebrated its Thanksgiving Day on November 27.

Considerable excitement prevailed at headquarters on Saturday morning, November 15, when a car crashed the gate at Gardiner and failed to halt for two rangers at Mammoth, who had been stationed on the highway to stop it. The car was pursued for several miles when it ran off the road and upset on an icy spot near Crystal Spring, some 12 miles from Mammoth Hot Springs. The occupants of the car, wanted for armed robbery near Three Forks, Montana, and for transporting a stolen car across state lines, took to the woods and a manhunt of some two hours resulted in their capture to the east of Obsidian Cliff. Three youths, giving the names of Fred Thompson, 18, Dean Upton, 19, and Harold C. Bauer, 19, all of Mitchell, South Dakota, were taken into custody, fortunately, without the exchange of any shots, and later turned over to the F.B.I. agents for prosecution.

A total of $119.00 was collected in the park during the Red Cross Drive and turned over to the Livingston, Montana, Chapter of the Red Cross.

Inspections. Regional Landscape Architect Baker, who arrived in the park on October 22, departed on November 7.

Status of Private Lands. No change in the status of private lands occurred during the month of November, although further negotiations had taken place between the Superintendent and Assistant U. S. Attorney Buntin. It is anticipated that land purchase matters will be closed in the near future.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Supervision and engineering continued on the Lake and Fishing Bridge cabin areas roads until this work closed down. A topographical survey was made of a portion of Custer Battlefield

National Cemetery and drawings started of this survey. Progress was made on studies of the utilities in the Mammoth cabin area.

General Publicity. Several press releases were sent out during the month--one on the arrest of the three youths who were captured in the park near Crystal Spring, one on the arrest of three Idaho hunters and another on the closing of the park highways.

Maintenance. A heavy snow, with subsequent packing by travel, necessitated the opening of the road to Cooke and sanding on the north entrance road. All other travel in the park was closed.

New Construction. Inside excavation for the Mammoth comfort station was completed and concrete poured for inside footings.

Special Improvement Activities. On November 19, Camp NP-7 was abandoned and the men from Company 544 were transferred to Company 535 CCC. Fifty men arrived from the Fifth Corps about the time the two companies were combined, making a company strength of 173 in Camp NP-1.

Contact work, Job 519, was discontinued and the men who have been working at the north entrance were returned to camp. Nursery work for the winter was finished.

Jobs worked on by the two camps for November were: Preparation of Material, Job 178; Mammoth Cottage, Job 490; Nursery Maintenance, Job 520; Contact Work, Job 519; Campground Maintenance, Job 521 and Grading Housekeeping Area, Job 513. No jobs were completed during the month.

Park Operators. Joe Bill, the printer for the Yellowstone Park Company, closed the Print Shop and left the park on November 3.

The C. A. Hamilton Store at Old Faithful was closed on November 10, leaving open only the general store at Mammoth Hot Springs, which was to take care of local residents.

With the absence of the park's resident physician, a nurse was assigned to Mammoth to take care of the medical service. Dr. Jack Hays is expected to return from leave about the middle of December and will assume the duties of the resident physician.

Cooperative Governmental Agencies. Lowdermilk Brothers closed down for the season early in the month on the new Canyon Junction highway.

The Public Roads Administration closed its offices at Mammoth on November 3.

All work closed down on the Lake and Fishing Bridge cabin areas on November 8.

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Increase or Decrease in Travel. One thousand, eight hundred and thirty-eight persons visited the park during November, compared with nine hundred and sixty-three for the same month in 1940, a gain of 875, or 4.2% for this travel year. First entry cars showed an increase of 614 and reentry cars showed a decrease of -1094 cars, making a decrease of 11.4% for motor vehicles for this travel year.

Ranger Service. A ranger meeting was held on November 19 at Mammoth to review the case concerning three armed youths who were apprehended in the park on November 15. Park division supervisors and local law enforcement officers from Gardiner, Montana, and Park County, attended the meeting. Big game hunting seasons were open during the month in all adjacent states, requiring regular and intensive patrols of park boundaries. Most transfers of rangers to winter stations were accomplished by the close of the month and those stationed at park headquarters were assigned to special work projects with their regular duties.

Police Protection. Two law enforcement cases were held before the United States Commissioner. One fishing violation resulted in a fine of $25.00 and confiscation of fishing equipment and a case of three persons possessing unsealed firearms resulted in a fine of $5.50 each. On November 15 three young men were apprehended for Montana State and Federal officers, for transportation of a stolen automobile across a state line. The individuals involved in this case were released to the F.B.I. and the U. S. Marshal in Montana for prosecution.

Accidents. Two minor automobile accidents were investigated by rangers during the month. One involved a government-owned truck with a private car; the other was an oil truck accident caused by snow conditions on the highway.

Wildlife Protection. Bears: An analysis of bear incidents for the 1941 season, with proposals for improvement of the situation in 1942, was prepared and submitted to the Washington and Regional offices early in the month. All of the bears had hibernated by the latter part of November.

Elk: During the past few weeks, elk have congregated in large numbers along the whole northern area, but very few have drifted beyond the boundaries. Hunting in areas adjoining the park has, therefore, been poor. A report summarizing hunting records through Nov. 28 will be submitted under date of December 4.

Fish Planting Activities. The 1941 Fish Planting Report and the 1942 Fish Planting Plan have been prepared and will be submitted early in December.

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Forestry. Working on the cleanup of trees blown down during the storm of September 6 near Yellowstone River Cascades was discontinued on November 5. Approximately 11,000 feet of guard rail material, 1,200 fence rails and 4 cords of fuel wood was salvaged and placed in stock piles at Fishing Bridge. About $750 of the original allotment of $3,100 for this project remained when the work was discontinued for this season.

The cleanup work accomplished this fall represents about 50% of the essential work in this area. The Cascades campground was cleaned up and returned to usable condition and guard rails which were damaged by falling trees were repaired.

Work at the Forest Nursery during the month consisted of mulching seedlings and transplants, erecting snow fences and placing the nursery in condition for the winter. CCC Senior Foreman Otis Halverson, who was in charge of the nursery, was released from duty at the close of the month.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the Yellowstone Park Federal Employees Union was held on November 3.

Superintendent.

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